

Message from the forest supervisor

Dear forest friend,

As we wrap up the summer season and move into fall around the Shoshone National Forest, our travel management planning is in full swing. We have had excellent public involvement to this point and are happy to see the continued interest in this process.

With four field trips and six successful public meetings to look back on, we have a large quantity of proposals that have come forward from various individuals and groups. As our specialists begin the process of sifting through them to ascertain each individual proposal's capacity to move forward, we know that there is a considerable amount of work ahead.

The December meetings will be an opportunity to review the tentative proposed action for summer travel, provide your thoughts, and comments about it. Keep in mind this is not the last time you will get to participate in the process. Once the proposed action is firmed up, in the spring of 2016, it will be presented to the public and the formal scoping period will begin. This will give you another chance to provide comments.

We ask that you stay active and engaged in this process by continuing to attend public meetings, submitting comments, keeping yourself updated via our website, and asking questions of our travel management staff.

Joe Alexander

September Workshops in review

The same format was followed during all three workshops; after an introduction, a recap of the travel management process to date was given, all proposals submitted to the given unit were presented, and members of the public were given the opportunity to ask questions as well as to provide comment on proposals. All proposals and comment forms can be found on our travel management website (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/shoshone/home/?cid=stelprd3846526>).

Cody:

- Number of attendees - 40 members of the public
- Number of proposals from public and special interest groups presented - 11

Dubois:

- Number of attendees - 49 members of the public
- Number of proposals presented - 29

Lander:

- Number of attendees - 30 members of the public
- Number of proposals presented - 0



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Upcoming Events

- October 9 - North Fork of the Shoshone River access field trip to discuss potential river access. 9:00am Wapiti District office
- October 14 - September workshop, Meeteetse Conservation District office, 1906 State St. 5:00-7:00pm
- October 31- Wind River Ranger District summer motorized proposals due
- First week of November - Field trip to Sweetwater Rd on the Wapiti Ranger District, weather dependent, contact klsalzmnn@fs.fed.us for further information (i.e. day and time)
- November 13- Cooperator meeting in Thermopolis, Big Horn Federal Savings Bank, 12:30-2:30pm
open to the public
- December 1- North Zone and Washakie Ranger District summer motorized proposals due
- December 15 - Public meeting to wrap up summer motorized & start winter motorized, Headwaters, Dubois, 5:30-7:30pm
- December 16 - Public meeting to wrap up summer motorized & start winter motorized, Lander, 5:00-7:00pm
- December 17 - Public meeting to wrap up summer motorized & start winter motorized, Grizzly Hall, Park County Library, Cody 5:00-7:00pm
- February 2, 2016 - Workshop for winter motorized travel, Dubois
- February 3, 2016 - Workshop for winter motorized travel, Lander
- February 4, 2016 - Workshop for winter motorized travel, Cody

Travel Management timeline

- December 2015 – Conduct winter use public workshop
- Winter/Spring 2016 – Public comments accepted on proposed action
- Summer 2016 – Public meetings to develop alternatives
- Winter/Spring 2016/2017 – Release Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Spring/Summer 2017 – Conduct public meetings upon release of Draft EIS
- Summer/Fall 2017 – Complete EIS and Draft Record of Decision (ROD)
- Winter 2017/2018 - Release EIS and Draft ROD for the Objection Period
- Spring/Summer 2018 - Respond and Resolve Objections and Sign the ROD

Travel Management website

Our Travel Management website is up and running. Please visit the website (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/shoshone/home/?cid=stelprd3846526>) for all up-to-date information on field trips, meetings, and a variety of other information. You can also access the website from the Shoshone National Forest homepage (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/shoshone/home>) under the “Quick Links” heading on the right-hand side.

You can find the following information on the Travel Management website:

- Field trip write-ups
- Presentations given at public meetings and workshops
- All proposals received by the Shoshone National Forest
- Travel Management process timeline and up-to-date schedule of events
- Travel Management FAQs

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